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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

For the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows. In response to the Final Office Action dated September 21, 2009, this Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. This amendment and response is being timely filed with a one (1) month extension of time, which is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.